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Broadway Premier returned to the Fryeburg Fair this year to re-establish supremacy in the Mountain Skipper Pace in 2:01.

FRYEBURG FAIR CROWNS SECOND CIRCUIT

By ANTHONY J. ALIBERTI

Fryeburg Fair closed out Maine's second circuit and its most successful meet ever with an Invitational for each gait and Roy Gartley celebrating his 50th consecutive year at the fairgrounds. Though the new mutual records will surely be broken, Gartley's personal milestone will be matched by few others.

Though the fair suffered through poor weather, with but a single fast back in six-racing days, record crowds bet an all time high of \$666,000 on six cards. Equally important, more than \$100,000 was

wagered on each card, a feat made possible only with cooperation of horsemen and backing of loyal fans.

During the week Fryeburg spotlighted the Maine stakes with more than \$10,000 distributed to three year old pacers alone. The Fryeburg heats were the final qualifying events for the Stakes finals. With six of the eight divisions raced with wagering, the staying power of the stakes and willingness of the association to rely on the colts were both affirmed.

The meet peaked on Sunday, October 6, with both a trot and pace

Invitational. The Mountain Skipper Invitational pace, named for the first pacer to be timed under two minutes over a Maine half mile track, was won by Peter Blood and defending track record holder Broadway Premier. Earlier this year Broadway Premier won the \$30,000 President's Pace at Scarborough drawing away from an elite field, but at Fryeburg the judges needed a photo to separate Broadway Premier and My Bill Forwood, the pacesetter and the sport's newest \$900,000 winner. Earlier in the afternoon Paul Battis and B.B.'s

High Note combined to overhaul the Invitational trotters.

When all the statistics were accounted the West Oxford Country Agricultural Society Driving Championship trophy was presented to Brewster Burns. Bion Pike led most of the week, but John Nason closed fast finishing second three points behind Burns.

Fryeburg Fair's racing operation was handled successfully again this year by Wilbur Hammond Jr. former president of the Maine Breeders Association.

IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 20 — Garden State Sale — in the Crystal Paddock — Cherry Hill, N.J.

Oct. 20 — No racing at Foxboro this Sunday due to football game — will resume on Tues.

Oct. 24 — Maine Harness Racing Commission meets at Augusta Civic Center concerning dates.

Oct. 26 — N.E.S.C. — Pacing fillies & trotters will race at Lewiston Raceway for a purse of \$13,000 plus.

Oct. 27 — N.E.S.C. — Pacing colts will race at Lewiston Raceway for a purse of \$13,000 plus.

Oct. 27 — Standardbred Horse Sale — Harrisburg, Pa. Yearlings and mixed thru Nov. 1.

Oct. 28 — Pine Tree Sale at Lewiston Raceway at 10:00 a.m. — Equipment before and after.

Oct. 30 — Maine Mares-Bred list due before the end of the month.

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Obituaries

WILLIAM SILK

William F. Silk, 53, a trainer and driver, died of an apparent heart attack after driving at the Plymouth State Fair last month.

Silk served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and has trained and driven harness horses since his discharge. He was a member and a director of the Connecticut Valley Harness Horsemen's Association.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

ALBERT LITVINCHYK

Albert Litvinchuk, 65, of North Berwick, Me. died August 26 at the Goodall Hospital in Sanford of heart failure.

Born in Manchester, Conn., he retired from the Naval Shipyard in 1980.

Mr. Litvinchuk was a member of the U.S.T.A. the Masons and Kora Temple Shrine. He will be remembered by horsemen as the early owner of the good trotter Rod Mac.

GLEN GARNSEY

Glen H. Garnsey, 52, a U.S.T.A. director and Hall of Fame driver/trainer died in a car accident while leaving the sales arena at Lexington, Ky. on September 27. Glen was a leading trainer and driver at Vernon Downs in the early sixties and handled the powerful K.D. Owen Stable plus the Castleton Farm racing consignment. He has had a great career as public trainer since then handling many Grand Circuit stars.

He is survived by his wife Paula who was also injured in the accident, plus a son and five daughters.

MELVIN BECKWITH

VETERAN HARNESS trainer and driver Mel Beckwith, 68, died at his Nashua, N.H. home after a long illness, Tues., Oct. 7.

Beckwith, a yardmaster for B.&M. Railroad before devoting full time to harness racing, owned and trained the great Mr. Nashua, a homebred trotter who has earned more than \$250,000 while being named N.E. Trotter of the Year.

Beckwith, noted for his skillful handling of trotters, also trained Maple Way, the winningest trotter at Foxboro Raceway this year.

Sons Bert, Willard and John followed in their father's footsteps, making the name Beckwith a popular one with New England harness enthusiasts.

The widely-respected horseman, was a charter member and former vice president of the Standardbred Owners Association of New England.

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BREEDERS CROWN SCHEDULE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Harness racing champions won't be named until the end of the year, but the winners of Breeders Crown races will certainly have a leg up on their competition come the time for balloting.

The series, offering total purses estimated at over \$4.8 million, makes its 1985 debut on September 20 at Sportsman's Park in Chicago with one of two new events, the \$350,000 (est.) race for trotters age four and up. The other new event, offering \$330,000 (est.) for pacers age four and up at Freestate Raceway in Laurel, Maryland, brings the Breeders Crown series to ten events — two more than the number offered when the "Crown" debuted last year.

Each of the races will be held on a Friday evening, and will be seen live over the ESPN cable sports network. Canadian viewers can look in on the TSN cable network, which will also broadcast the ESPN shows. The telecasts are all scheduled to begin at 10:30 p.m., eastern time.

The complete Breeders Crown schedule:

Date	Site	Gait, Age	Purse
Sept. 20	Sportsman's Park, Chicago, IL	Trot, age four & up	\$350,000
Sept. 27	Freestate Raceway, Laurel, MD	Pace, age four & up	330,000
Oct. 4	The Meadows, Meadow Lands, PA	Trot, 2yo Colts	480,000
Oct. 11	Yonkers Raceway, Yonkers, NY	Pace, 2yo Fillies	630,000
Oct. 18	Garden State Park, Cherry Hill, NJ	Trot, 2yo Fillies	500,000
Oct. 25	Mohawk Raceway, Campbellville, ONT	Trot, 3yo Colts	460,000*
Nov. 1	Edmonton Northlands, Edmonton, ALB	Pace, 3yo Fillies	450,000*
Nov. 8	Rosecroft Raceway, Fort Washington, MD	Pace, 2yo Colts	650,000
Nov. 15	Pompano Park, Pompano Beach, FL	Trot, 3yo Fillies	410,000
Nov. 29	Garden State Park, Cherry Hill, NJ	Pace, 3yo. Colts	600,000

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Farmington Fair Review

By BLANCHE CHASE

Farmington Fair just wound up an eleven day racing meet with outstanding weather prevailing with racing at it's best. Wagering was up and new track records were set for both trot and the pace. Candy Man Speed a four year old trotter by Speed in Action, owned by Marie Dostie of Readfield, Me. and trained by Glen Merrill, was driven to victory in the time of 2:05.3 by Leigh Fitch, breaking the old record of 2:06 set by Nossdell Libby's Boy with Roland McCaleb in the bike, twenty years ago on the same day, Sept. 20, 1965. The four year old pacer, Fuel Pincher, gelded son of Crash, owned by Zelda Pierce of Newport, Me. and trained by W.L. Strout, was driven to a 2:01 victory by David Ingraham, breaking the old record of 2:01.3. These records were both held by Maeanna and Pub's Cub in '83 and '84 respectively, and both were driven by Ingraham.

The blanket program in charge of Shannon Smith and Blanche Chase presented every winning horse a blanket. One hundred and thirteen of these colorful coolers were draped over the winners by Shannon Smith, Nancy Chase, and Sonia Smith. This is an outstanding program, and these girls are very proud to be a

part of it. They have watched the program more than double in the six years since it was started.

Two awards were given to the drivers, a stop watch to David Ingraham for leading dashes, with 186 points, just nosing out Dude Goodblood with 184, and a stop watch to Richard Barlett who led the universal race most of the way, ending up with .545.

At the close of the races on the last day, the old familiar scene in front of the barns took place with the horsemen and Phil Coty cooking up tasty hot dogs, hamburgers, and corn on the cob, served with plenty of cold drinks. Other area horsemen and their families are guests each year of the Farmington Horsemen, as a final wrap-up of the week.

Our thanks to everyone who made this year so special. Thanks to all the people who assist but are seldom

recognized, Brenda McCarthy who did an excellent job being our marshall all week, the track personnel, ticket sellers, Ernie Cobb our track announcer, the patrons, and the many many sponsors. May the coming year "86" bless you and yours with everything that's good in life.

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Lewiston Opener

By ANTHONY J. ALIBERTI

Lewiston Raceway anchored a \$300,000 afternoon for Maine racing. With a \$2,500 pacing feature headlining the card more than \$187,000 was wagered, more than ever bet during the fall meet at that track.

During the off season Lewiston Raceway completed ongoing renovations including a lounge in the mezzanine area and replacing large windows on the ground level of the grandstand.

Post time was moved up a half hour to 1:30, trifecta wagering expanded to ten of twelve races and Shriners were present to add flair to the opener. With Fryeburg Fair winding up on the same afternoon Dick Michelson, former voice of Lewiston Raceway filled in for Ernie

Cobb.

For Roger Smith, Jr. began his first '85 tour as starter. Clayt Smith anchors the racing office for the last time. Smith has announced his semi-retirement. Jim Flanagan, former State Steward has returned to Maine as Smith's assistant. Chet Boyle has returned as Presiding Judge.

On the track Walter Case, Jr. returned home to nail down three wins including the feature Pace. In that event Case piloted Dr. Alroy Chow's powerhouse, three year old son of French Chef, French Major, to a comfortable 2:01 win, his 13th in 20 of 1985 starts.

Racing continues at Lewiston Raceway four days a week through the first week of December.

The Maine Circuit

By LEE ALLEN

Shekar Skipper, Kibry, David Ingraham, Kelly Case and Dominic Watson earned the top Al-Var honors for the Month of September.

Shekar Skipper, a five-year-old son of Meadow Skipper, is Al-Var Pacer of the Month. He was the only pacer to have four winning trips with speed ratings of 109 or higher. That is one of the finest performances ever turned in for one month. The speed ratings were 120, 114, 114 and 109. The 120 came off a nifty 1:58.3 win at Scarborough Downs Sept. 21.

Trusty Star, the runnerup, also had a great month. He had three winning trips with ratings 122, 122 and 115.

Shekar Skipper is owned by Jean Bryant of Meredith, N.H. Dominic Watson is the trainer and driver.

Kibry, with a sensational month, is Al-Var Trotter of the Month. The three-year-old son of Speedy Somolli had three winning tripstwith Al-Var ratingsin the 80's. He was the only trotter to do it. The amazing thing, is that he did it in his first three lifetime starts.

Owned by Lawrence Kadish of Garden City, N.J., Kibry posted speed ratings of 82, 84 and 85 in his first three starts. Don Richards is the trainer-driver.

Grandpa Harry, Smokey Joe, and Spartan Speed each had two trips with

ratings in the over 80.

Ingraham and Case tied for Al-Var Driver of the Month. Each one had eight drives in magic figures, pacers 100 up and trotters 80 up. Dom Watson had seven magic figure drives and Dude Goodblood had six.

Dom Watson captured Al-Var Trainer of the Month with seven horses turning in magic figure ratings. Warren Strout was runnerup with five.

The top individual performance of the month by a pacer was turned in by Broadway Premier who won the President's Pace at Scarborough Downs in 1:57.4 for a speed rating of 125. Peter Blood drove. The 125 tied the season's high mark held by Governor K.C.

Grandpa Harry had the top performance for a trotter with a 2:04.1 win at Cumberland that tied the track record held by Nifty Christy. Grandpa Harry, with Bion Pike driving, earned a speed rating of 97.

Scarborough Downs closed with the highest handle in the history of the state.

The Maine Circuit is down to one track for the rest of the season. There will be racing Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Lewiston through the first week of December.

Following are the pacers that posted Al-Var speed ratings of 100 or higher, for a winning trip, from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30:

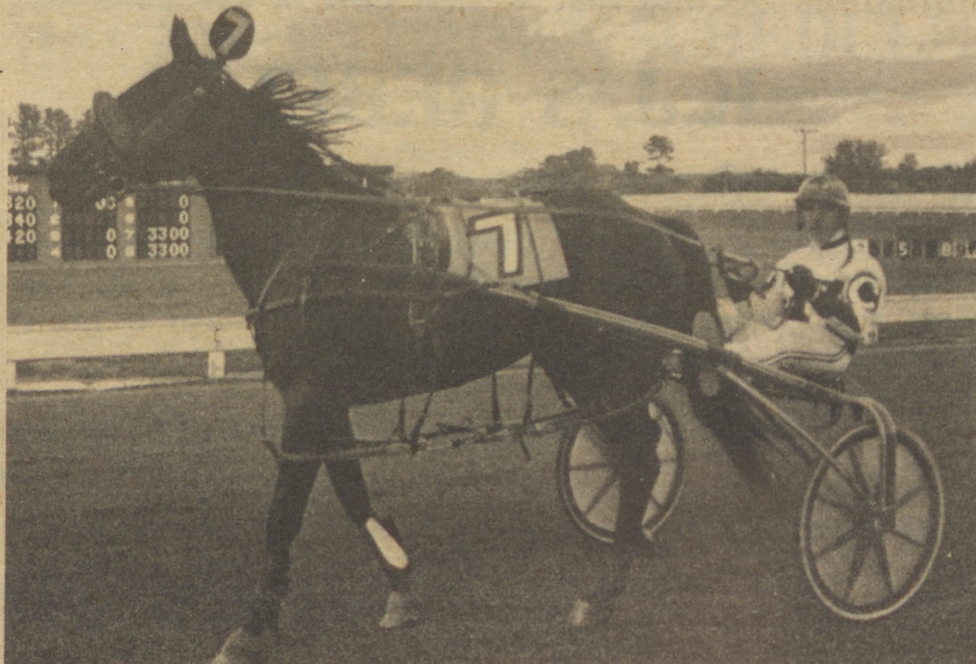
THE SUPERSTARS	
Broadway Premier, P.Blood	125
Trusty Star, K. Case (9-1)	122
Trusty Star, K. Case (9-29)	122
French Major, D. Ingraham	121
Shekar Skipper, D. Watson	120
Trusty Wise Guy, D. Goodblood	116
Omac, F. Parker	116
Snake Charmer, S. Mahar	115
Trusty Star, K. Case	115
Shekar Skipper, D. Watson (9-1)	114
Shekar Skipper, D. Watson (9-7)	114
My Bill Forwood, D. Ingraham	113
Fuel Pincher, D. Ingraham	112
Armbr Blaze, F. Parker	112
Surprise Rhythm, D. Goodblood	111
Chester Baron, J. Ray	111

THE STARS	
T.C. Kash, W. Bresnahan	109
Shekar Skipper, D. Watson	109
Nina's Girl, R. Truitt	109
Special Service, R. Sumner	109
Cinnamon Roll, R. Sumner	108
Time Captain, F. Parker	108
B.J. Shadow, D. Watson	108
Fuel Pincher, D. Ingraham	107
Emily's Devil, W. Colby	107
My R.J., R. Sumner	107
Tannie Jean, R. Mallar	106
Frenchman Bay, D. Ingraham	106
Windsock Smoker, D. May	106
Movin Up, P. Casanova	106
T.C. Kash, K. Case	106
Gaelic Admiral, L. Fitch	106
Omac, F. Parker	105
Steady Eagle, B. Segel	105
Formal Misty, D. Goodblood	105
Tank Teather, P. Bescani	104
Brer Rabbit, R. Wing Jr.	104
Sly Dig, G. Nye	104
Jill C., D. Goodblood	104
Coral Frost, B. Battis	104

L.G., P. Battis	103
Heasan, D. Watson	103
L.M. Dutches, K. Case	103
Skipper Speed, W. LaFreniere	103
Race Me Tar, K. Case	102
Jean's Pitch, K. Case	102
Romie's Pet, M. Graffam	102
April's Lollipop, D. Ingraham	102
Storm Time, J. Nason	102
Richochet Skipper, D. Richards	102
L.G., P. Battis	102
Prodigal Son, F. Parker	102
News Image, D. Goodblood	102
Motor Liner, F. Parker	102
Southern William, G. Nye	101
L.M. Dutches, K. Case	101
A.L.M., G. MacKenzie	101
Formal Misty, D. Goodblood	100
Storm Time, D. Mitchell	100
Our Burner, D. Watson	100

Following are the trotters that had Al-Var speed ratings of 80 or higher, for a winning trip, during September:

THE SUPERSTARS	
Grandpa Harry, B. Pike	97
B.B.'s High Note, P. Battis	95
THE STARS	
Smokey Joe, L. Dancer (9-1)	89
Smokey Joe, L. Dancer (9-250)	89
Spartan Speed, D. May	88
Spartan Speed, D. May	87
Jo Di's Pal, A. VanDyne	86
Candyman Speed, L. Fitch	86
Grandpa Harry, B. Pike	86
Kibry, D. Richards	85
Kibry, D. Richards	84
Crane Hill John, D. Ingraham	83
Kibry, D. Richards	82
Uncle P. Dee, P. Battis	82
Bold Streak, L. Fitch	81
Dawn's Pomp, D. Gray	81
First Star Tonight	80
Two Keyes Choice, D. Ingraham	80
Jo Di's Pride, W. Canney	80



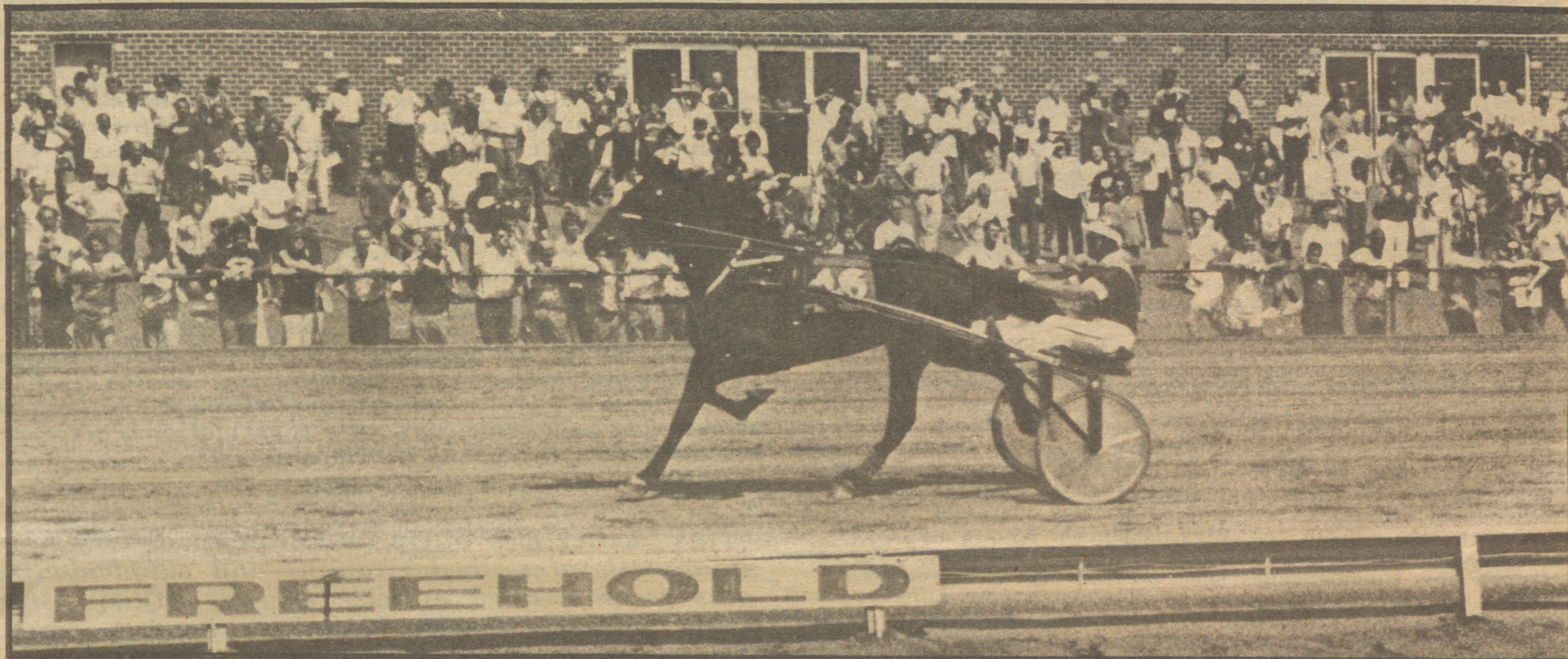
French Major one of the two pacers on the grounds at Lewiston annexes another for driver Walter Case Jr. of Lewiston making him the top Invitational Pacer

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The dam, WEEPING CHERRY 3, 2:05.3f. was bred to Nevele Pride three times with all foals showing early speed.

'79 Spring Music 3, 2:04.1

'80 Springfest 2, 2:03h

'81 Andabar 2, 2:09

'82 Proud Spirit 2, 2:03.1h (4th Yonkers trot-'85)

The second dam, GAY BLOSSOM 3, 2:00 by FLORICAN 1:57.2, had 19 wins at 3 and 4 earning \$111,678 and was a consistant stakes winner – at 3 winner of the Hambletonian Filly Stakes.

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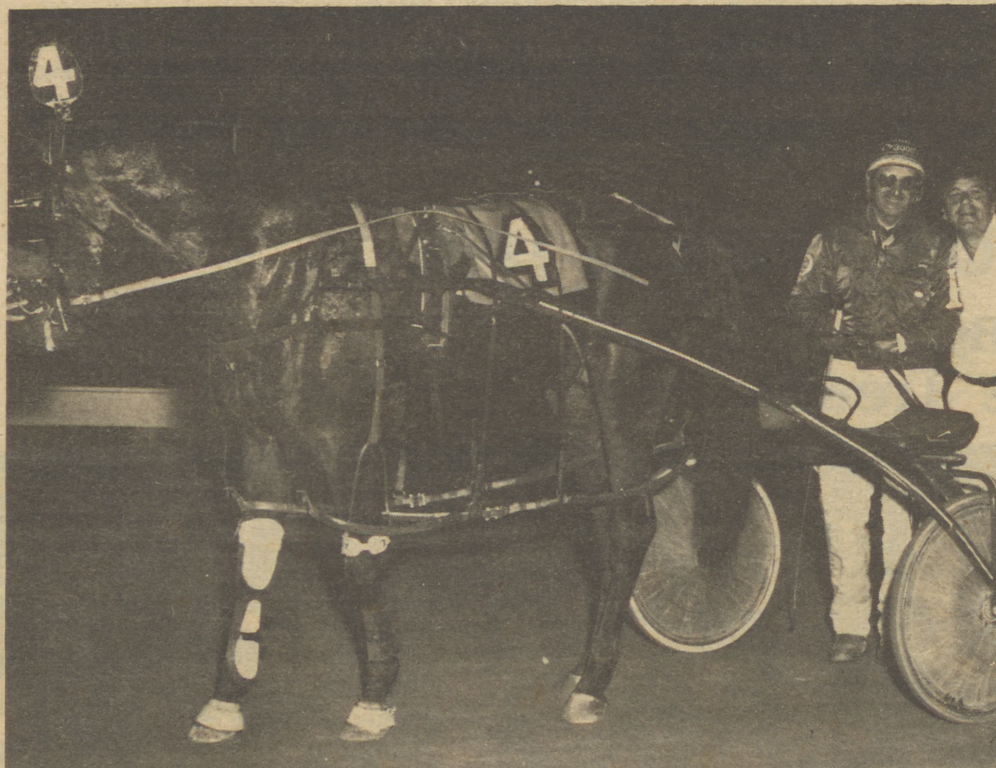
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Broodmare Of The Month



B. B.'s Heritage, a two year old colt by Mr. Suffolk out of Heritage Cindy has done extremely well for driver Freeman Parker and owner Dr. Germain Binette.

Heritage Cindy

By ANTHONY J. ALIBERTI

Ask Loring Norton to name the best filly he ever trained and chances are he will recall Heritage Cindy. Norton was so confident ten years ago, that as Scarborough began its meet, Norton extolled this filly's speed in the track's program. During the month of May, Heritage Cindy was awesome. Her Cumberland training miles electrified the railbirds and everyone was sure Norton and partner Dr. Germain Binette had a distaff Steady Brave in tow.

Heritage Cindy came to her speed honestly, she being a daughter of Steady Beau and a tough Stephen Smith mare, foaled and marked by Marty Pollack's Heritage Stud farm.

But the rosy future never materialized. Fillies and mares sometimes refuse to show in public what they reveal behind the scenes. Though it took several seasons for the show to close, Heritage Cindy was never to prove for money what she did for fun those first months of training in 1975. In fact Heritage Cindy did not take a two year old mark and still carries an official speed badge of only 2:05.2, taken as a three year old.

Eventually Binette and Norton parted ways. Binette retained Heritage Cindy as a broodmare. She first produced Fair Risk an unproductive daughter of Skipper Glenn. Three years later, in 1983, she was bred to Mr. Suffolk. For horse breeders hope springs eternal. The match of Mr. Suffolk, a robust son of Romeo Hanover and Heritage Cindy, a daughter of Steady Beau, was consummated at Norton Farm, the farm where each horse was trained. When B.B.'s Heritage was foaled his genetic inheritance was all racehorse.

Binette liked the colt's confirmation from the beginning. He turned the colt over to Sandy Bickford, selected Freeman Parker as driver and the rest is history. B.B.'s Heritage has already earned more than \$8,000 with six stakes wins this year.

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Fairs Save Trot

By ANTHONY J. ALIBERTI

Top quality trotters found a home put Smokey Joe in the spotlight as he this summer - at the Maine Fairs. swept the events. While in New Hampshire the Rochester Invitational fell to Summer Play, a Bonefish horse shipped North for the \$2,500 event. Farmington Fair carded as many as three trots in a single afternoon with Grandpa Harry winning the biggest purse, a \$1,200 Invitational.

Cumberland Fair kept the trotters in the box with Smokey Joe and Grandpa Harry earning the top wins. Then as the fair circuit wound down at Fryeburg, yet another \$2,500 trot event was carded, with B.B.'s High Note holding on for the win.

Never in the history of Maine racing have consistently high trot purses been made available, keeping top trotters in Maine, and even attracting horses from other states. Fryeburg's feature spotlighted five horses with sub 2:05 records with only seven breaks in 42 charted lines.

Scarborough's Legislator Trot made headlines, but it was the for local horses. A week apart, the first of \$2,000 and the next for \$2,500 trotting horse all season.

MONTICELLO — Kelly Case is very good at what she does. Despite the fact that Kelly is a pretty young lady she's a talented harness driver. And she has the stats to prove it. Thus far this season Ms. Case has driven 137 winners and is currently the second leading driver at Scarborough Downs (Me.) with over 100 victories at that track alone.

She made a commitment earlier this year to race at Monticello and now the time has come.

"When Scarborough closes I'd like to move 7 or 8 horses to Monticello," the 22-year-old blue-eyed miss said.

She hopes to follow in the footsteps of her brother Walter who rewrote the record books at Monticello Raceway when he competed here in 1983.

Last winter Kelly was looking for catch-drives at the Mighty M for she figured it was the place to get noticed because so many of the top drivers in metropolitan New York were standouts at Monticello before going on to the "big time."

But trainers weren't anxious to be giving catch-drives to a pretty gal who looks more like a college student than a professional harness horse driver even though, during the 1984 season, Kelly drove 140 winners.

So she moved on to metropolitan New York where she assisted her brother with his stable. At that time Walter was racing at Yonkers and the Meadowlands.

Kelly picked up a few catch-drives at Yonkers winning two races there. She also won a Roosevelt but she was seeing limited action.

"I was getting a few drives but not the amount I was accustomed to so I decided to go back to Maine, where

I'm known and put a stable together and gain more experience," she said.

It turned out to be a good move. Back home she picked up many catch-drives and began winning with regularity.

During the final weeks of the meeting at Lewiston Raceway Kelly won 30 races then moved on to Scarborough Downs for the summer.

She has driven over 600 races at Scarborough winning 107 times. Her universal driving average is a very commendable .306.

Beginning the 1985 season Ms. Case had reined 181 winners a total she may equal this year alone.

"I never wanted to do anything but drive horses" she said. "I knew it would be tough, especially for a girl, but I think I have the talent to be a good driver."

And no one can dispute that. She has a fine driving record. She even drove four sub two-minute miles this year and was the first lady driver in the state of Maine to win in two-minutes or better. Last year Kelly won at 1:59 with Best Chris to establish herself as the first female to break that time barrier.

This season she has driven Trusty Star to four sub two-minute victories, with the fastest a 1:58.4 effort.

Her objective is to be the first lady catch-driver on the metropolitan New York circuit to compete on a regular basis. But if you question her further she'll tell you she dreams of winning driving titles there.

have to prove herself at Monticello which she plans to do this Fall.

Move over boys and make room for Ms. Kelly Case.

New York Ups Stakes Purses

New York State's Sire Stakes Program--thanks to an enlightened Legislature and Chief Executive--will take one giant step forward and upward in 1986, with total impact of the change to be seen a year later.

Recent legislation approved by the lawmakers and signed by the Governor, will add about \$4 million to the program, boosting it to a whopping \$12 million or more a year. The new omnibus racing bill--effective April 1, 1986--increases the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund's share of both on-track and off-track pari-mutuel revenue from the present six-tenths of a percent to a full one percent.

"Depending upon business done by the tracks and OTB, we're probably talking about a program worth \$12 million or so for the future," Bruce Hamilton, executive secretary of the Harness Horse Breeders of New York State, Inc., commented. "There's no question that the state's lawmakers major industry making strong contributions to the state's economy. They made it very clear that they see the new revenue as an investment, not a giveaway."

The state's recent action is the most significant upgrading of the breeding program since 1975, when a sharp increase in its overall value stimulated a wave of major new farms, stallions and broodmares. Hamilton and other officials of the Breeders feel the new enrichment of the program could trigger a similar reaction.

Legislation increasing Breeding Fund revenue was part of a broad harness racing bill that also extended and expanded simulcasting, provided some tax relief for the state's ailing tracks, and shifted the financial burden of pre-race blood testing from the tracks to the state.

The state is surrendering a portion of its share of pari-mutuel revenue to finance the changes.

Breeders secretary Hamilton, who pointed out the value of the state's Sire Stakes Program has almost doubled since 1984, said a committee of breeders will be meeting to discuss the wisest methods of spending the new revenue. The

committee, welcoming the input of breeders across the state, will eventually come up with recommendations for consideration by the board of directors and membership.

Hamilton said the vast majority of the fresh funds, like most of the Ag Fund's present revenue, will be devoted to racing purses, although innovations in the current program are possible.

Summing up, the Breeders' secretary offered: "The new money bill is obviously great news for everyone who now breeds or races a horse in New York State, or contemplates the breeding or racing of one in the future. The dramatic increase in the size of the state program shores up New York's reputation as the world leader in Standardbred breeding."



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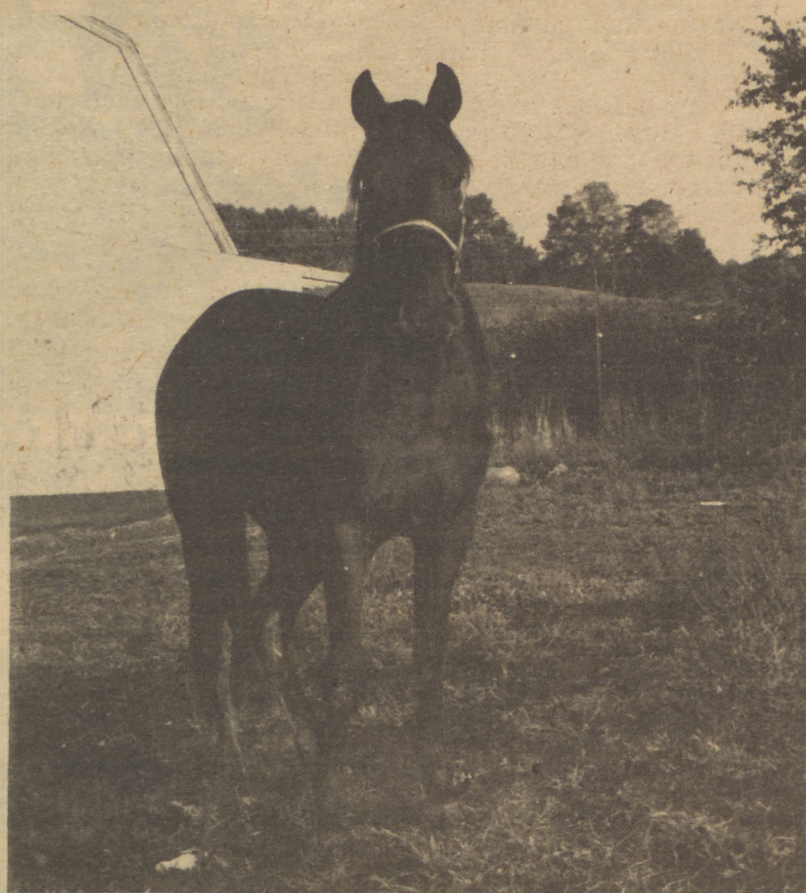
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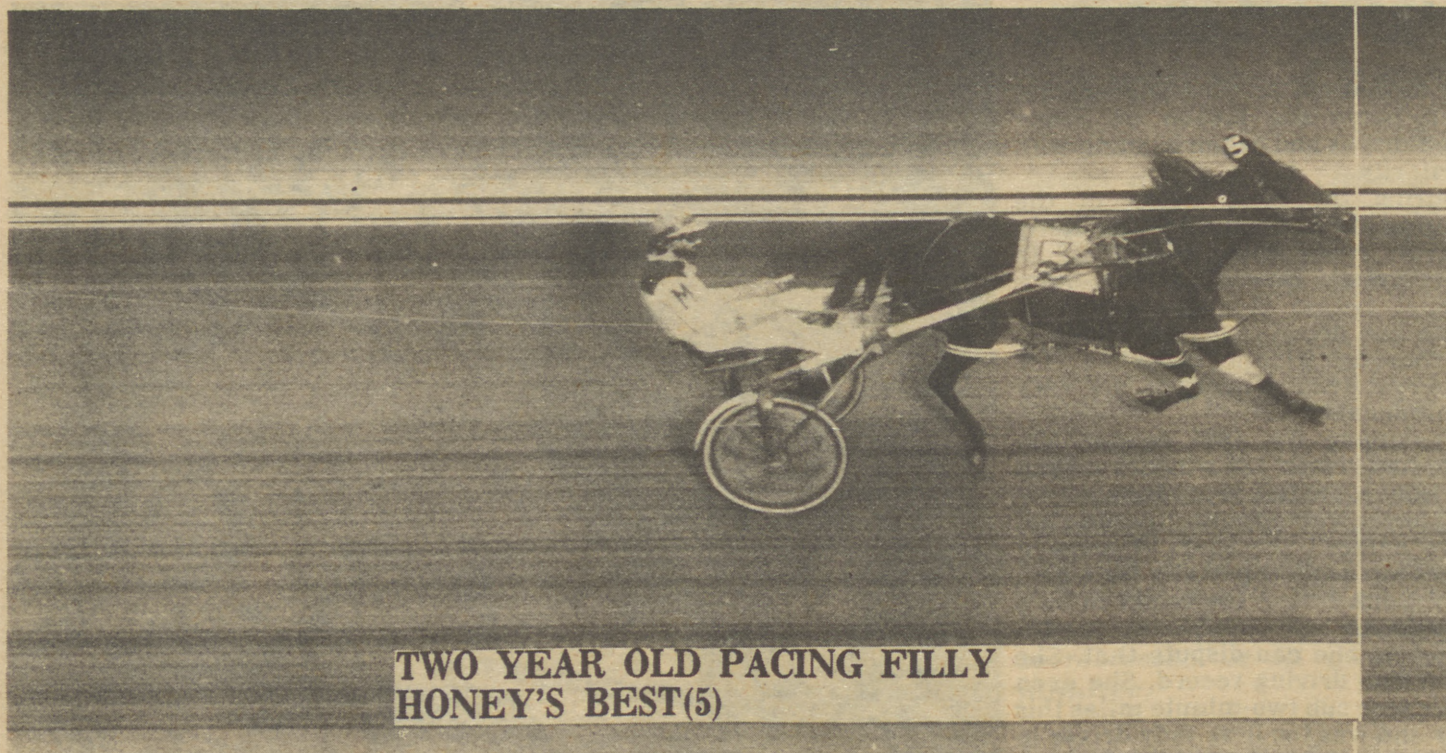
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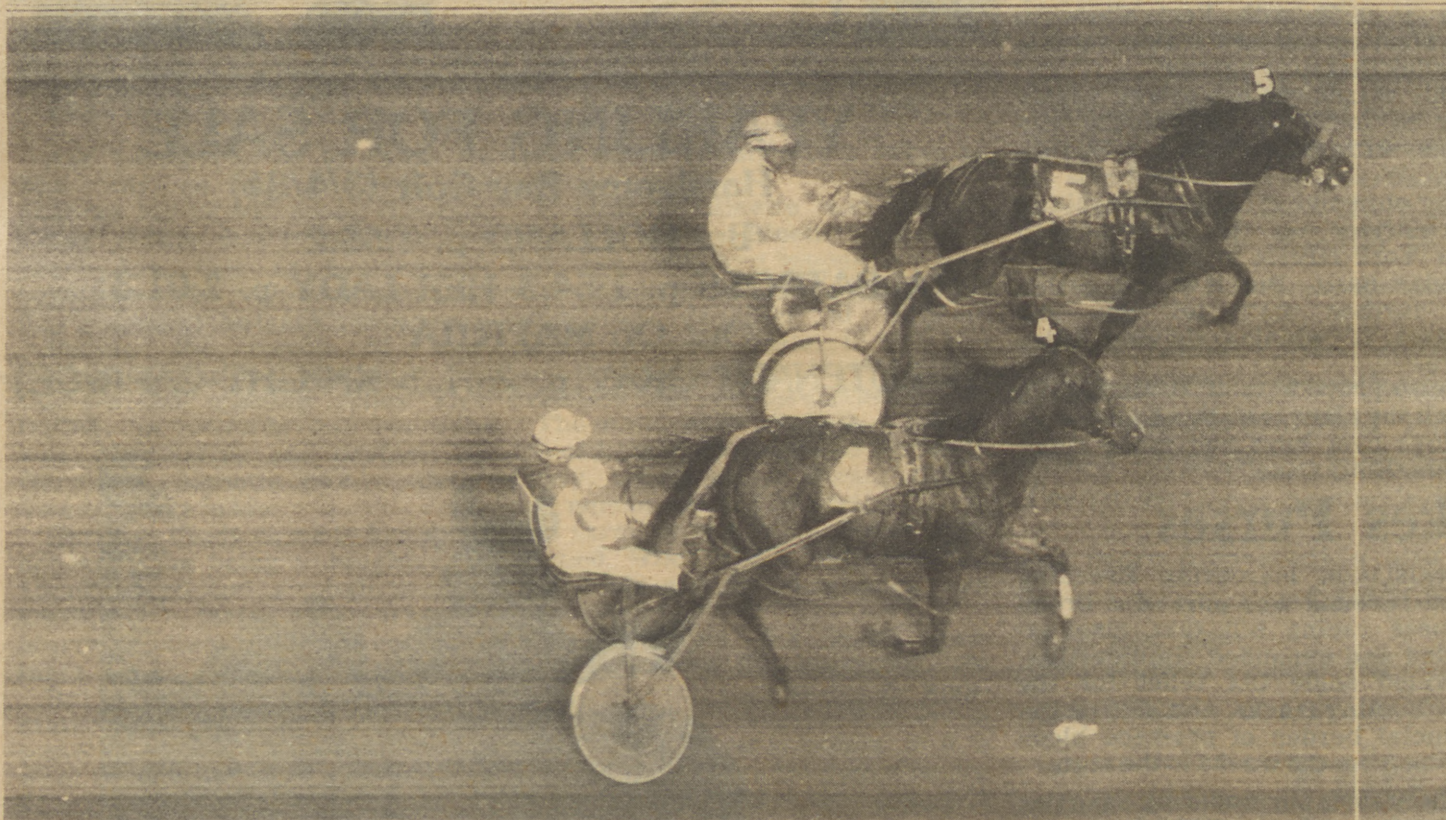
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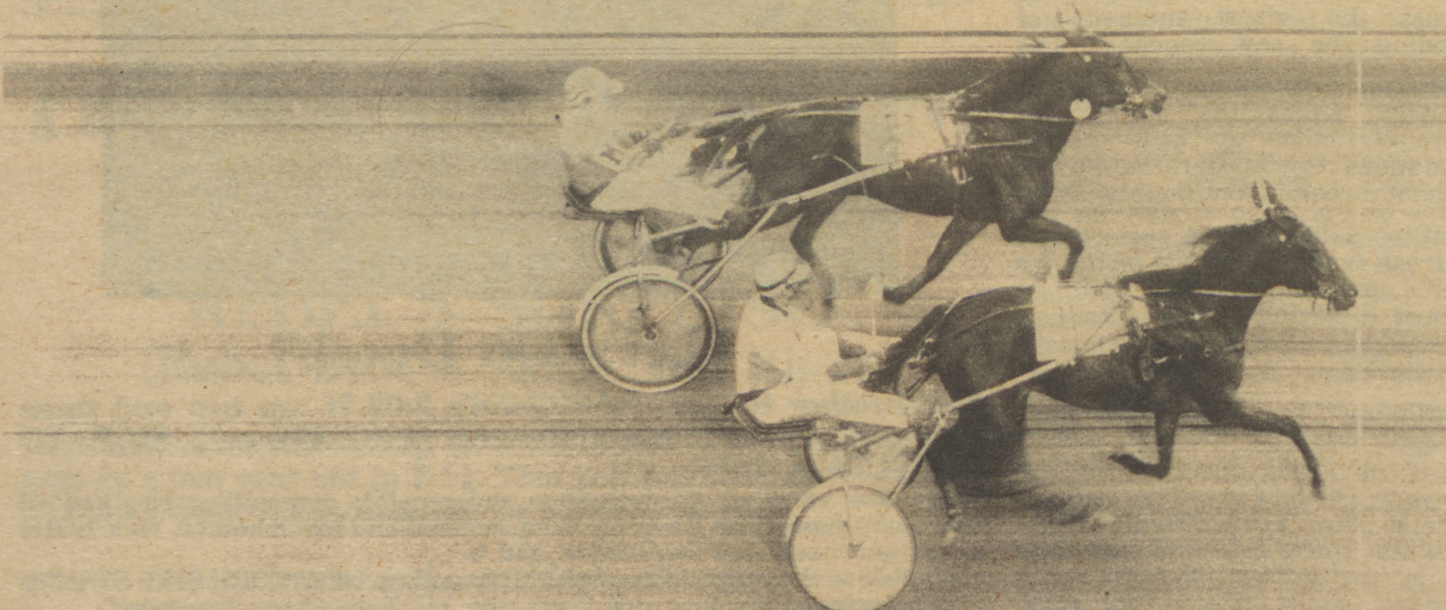
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**TWO YEAR OLD PACING FILLY
HONEY'S BEST(5)**



**TWO YEAR OLD PACING COLTS
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**THREE YEAR OLD TROTTERS
HURRICANE PEACH (1) CHAMPAGNE RAIN (3)**

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Breeders Stakes G

With the Maine Stakes finals set for Sunday October 13 at Lewiston Raceway, it is clear that the preliminaries are over, the table has been set, more than \$311,000 in purses already distributed.

The first dozen weeks of the Maine Stakes spanning the state from Presque Isle to Fryeburg and graded the 116 stakes starters. In the process two state records, and another stakes record were rewritten-Sweet Rosie O's 2:08.1 juvenile trot win and Honey's Best's 2:04.3 two year old filly record are the best ever in Maine, while Shanalou Frost's 2:02 Skowhegan score was the best ever in the Maine stakes. Eight top point earners in each division have been identified.

Six colts have already earned more than \$10,000 and with finals estimated at \$75,000 the total purse distribution will set yet another record.

In many ways this crop was the best yet. There was no soft division with at least three winners across the board. Though Hurricane Peach dominated the three year old trot, and Sweet Rosie O the two year old event, both trots were hotly contested with five other winners.

Both two and three year old filly races produced a record number of winners with fully 10 of 23 starters in the three year old filly event finding the winners circle. Amber Pace and Shanalou Frost flashed the most speed, but Clair Morning and Tannie Jean earned the most money. This is the first year ever that heat winners in the preliminaries will not earn enough points to contest the finals.

The crop of two year old fillies was nearly as prolific. Though Honey's Best brings a win streak to the finals six other fillies were winners. With 19 starters this year, the 1986 program should showcase this division.

The two year old colt pace division seemed to belong to a sire, Skipper Knox, as much as it did to a single colt. Though Firecracker George was both the fastest and the richest colt in this division there were two other Skipper Knox winners, Maine Starskipper and Linmar Willie. Add to these the hot B.B.'s Heritage and

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the final showdown in this division may be the best race of the afternoon.

Trusty Wise Guy has won more money than any colt in the program this season, and just as last year he will surely race the finals as the favorite, but though this colt has brilliant flashes of speed he has been beaten. Indeed there are fully four winners in the three year old trot division and Gaelic Admiral, Trusty Potentate, and Romie's Pet are all serious contenders for the win.

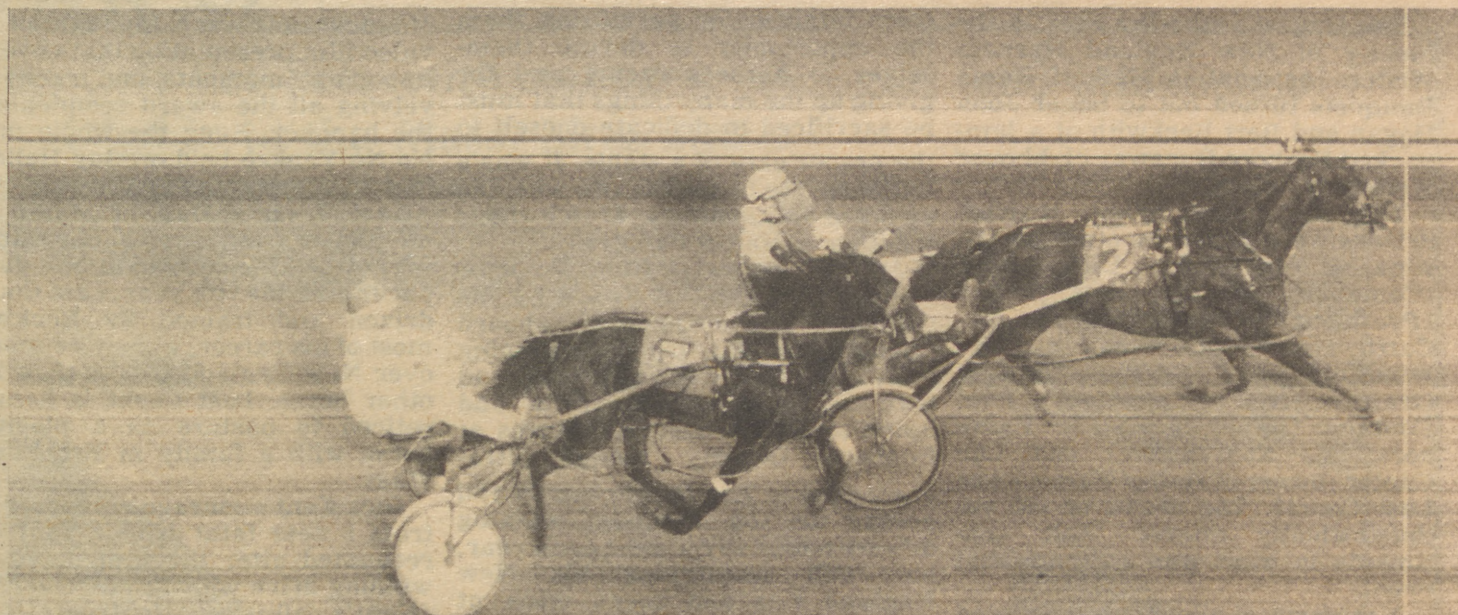
The Maine Stakes has a rich history, but the crop of 1985 is the deepest, most consistent and evenly matched ever produced. With top purses on the line the final head to head showdown miles may well turn Sunday October 13 into the best racing card of the year.

STALLIONS

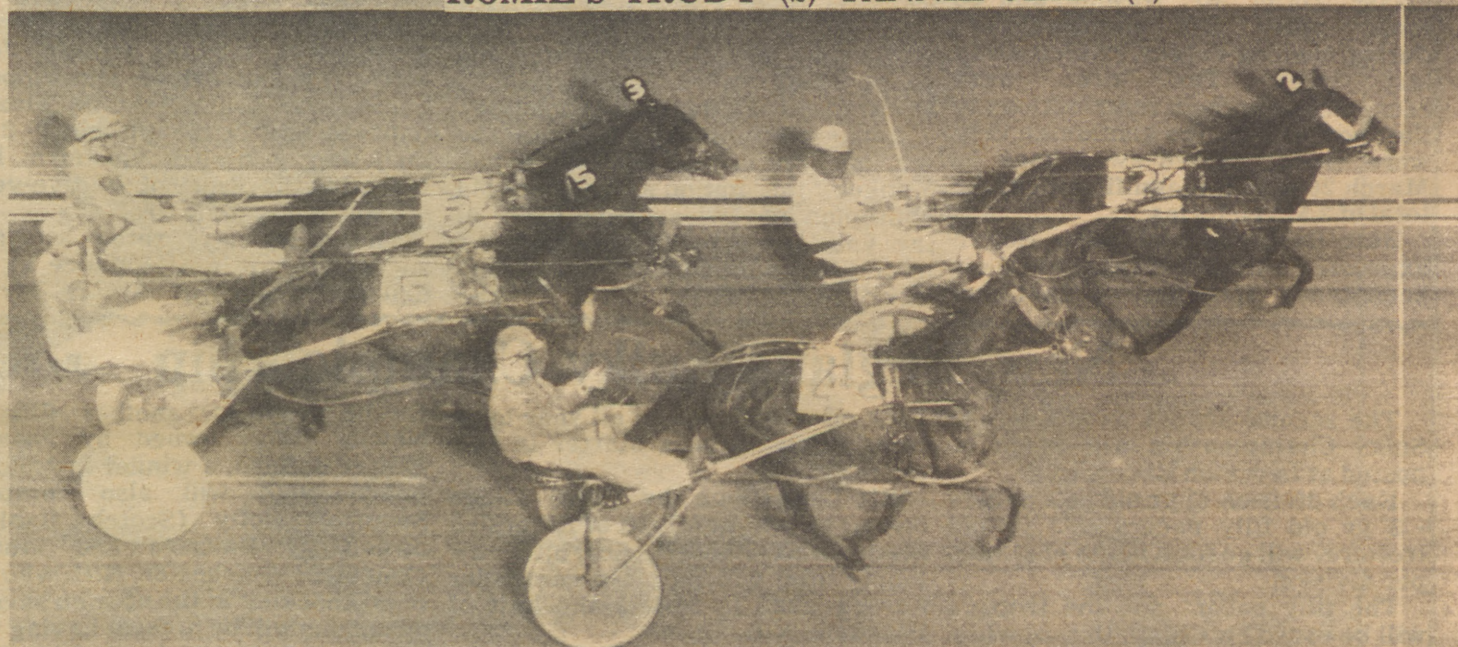
Each year the top stallions in Maine are recognized. In 1985 the top two sires were SKIPPER KNOX and WATCHFUL.

SKIPPER KNOX a pacing son of Meadow Skipper stands at Somerset Farm in Pittsfield Maine. This year he sired 14 starters in the Maine stake who collectively earned more than \$56,000. More important there were 8 winners, 7 pacers and 1 trotter, Chinbro Knox Bren. Never in the history of the Maine stakes has such a single sire dominated a division as SKIPPER KNOX colts have overwhelmed the two year old colt division. With four individual winners combined they have won 17 heats and been second another 14 times. Add Chinbro Miniskip, Chinbro Knox Lori and Polly's Lily, two and three year old fillies respectively, and SKIPPER KNOX has sired winners in four different divisions, unprecedented in Maine stakes history.

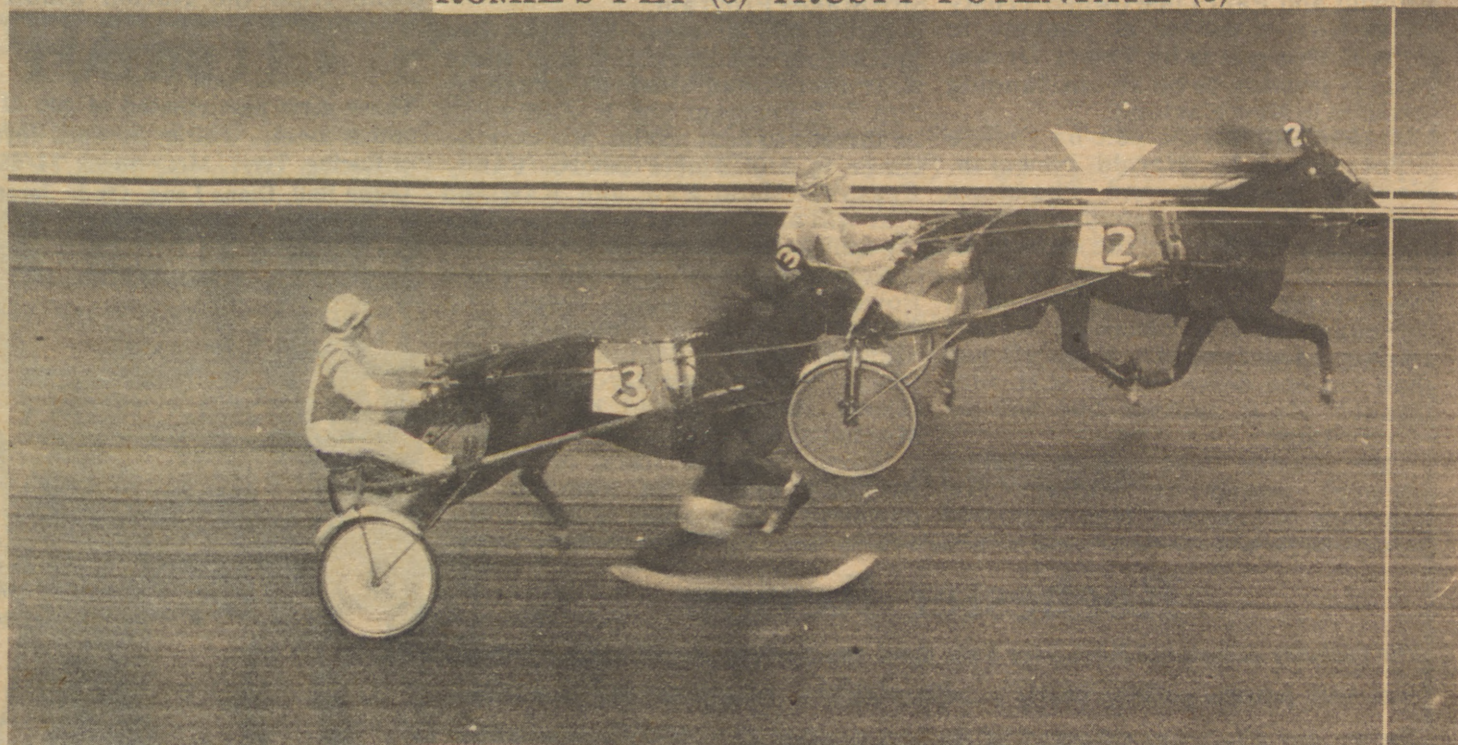
WATCHFUL, the top trot sire has been Maine's dominant trotting stallion for more than a decade. This year his daughters have topped both the two and three year old divisions, with Hurricane Peach earning more than \$12,000 with 8 wins and state champ Sweet Rosie O winning 7 of 8 Stakes starts and \$8,000. WATCHFUL had fully seven starters with three winners. He stands at Norton Farm in Falmouth.



THREE YEAR OLD FILLIES
ROMIE'S TRUDY (2) TANNIE JEAN (7)



THREE YEAR OLD PACING COLTS
TRUSTY WISE GUY (2) GAELIC ADMIRAL (4)
ROMIE'S PET (3) TRUSTY POTENTATE (5)



TWO YEAR OLD TROTTERS
SWEET ROSIE O (2)
AVON ABE (3)

The largest gathering ever in the history of New England Harness Writers Association Hall of Fame Banquets turned out to honor John Hogan and Bert Beckwith at a jam-packed Foxboro Raceway clubhouse Wednesday night.

The two outstanding trainer-drivers were joined by other award winners, including Dick Kent (Comeback Award), Rick Stroud (President's Award), John J. McCarthy (trainer of Horse of the Year Windfield Ore), Jimmy Doherty (trainer-driver of Caramore), Paul Fontaine (owner of Hall of Fame horse No No Yankee) and Lou Canter (owner of Hall of Fame horse Last Count). The crowd of 200 enthusiastically offered their sentiments in what was an emotional event.

A moment of silence was devoted to the memory of Bucky Day, Jim Hutch and Melvin Beckwith. Hutch, a Foxboro driver in the '50's from Marlboro, Mass. passed away a few weeks ago. Beckwith, owner of the classy trotter Mr. Nashua and so many other fine standardbreds during his long career, passed away last week. The three were recognized for their contributions to the sport and for the gentlemen they were. Bucky passed away back on March 26 with a magnificent career total of 2,515 victories.

Bert Beckwith and John Hogan expressed a similar message in their acceptance speeches — thanking

their families for permitting them the opportunity to devote themselves to harness racing and for giving up the many things that must be sacrificed to dedicate oneself to the proper care of a stable. It was a touching site to see the two who had engaged in countless stretch duels together as Hall of Famers.

Jimmy Doherty flew in from Canada to accept his award for his stunning achievements aboard Caramore in 1985, to include winning trips in the Gold Cup at Hinsdale and both the Bucky Day Memorial and Spirit of Massachusetts features at Foxboro. Doherty, though ultra-successful at The Meadowlands and among the top 10 money winning drivers nationally almost each year, has still maintained his New England ties and races often at Foxboro.

Rick Stroud became the first recipient of the "President's Award" presented by New England Harness Writers prexy Jack Giannetti. Stroud had been involved in the Foxboro renovation program

and helped establish the three big races that were captured by Caramore at Foxboro and Hinsdale.

Paul Fontaine spoke of the courage, speed and style of No No Yankee, the nation's two-year-old champion and two-year-old pacer of the year in 1977. No No Yankee's incredible win in the very first Woodrow Wilson at The

Meadowlands was a highlight of the video film presentation that covered important moments and races involving all the award recipients at the banquet. Hung the whole mile, No No Yankee held off Say Hello in that unforgettable \$280,000 race.

Last Count's Hall of Fame induction was presented to Lou Canter who owned the consistent and game pacer until his 14th year. Last Count, driven and trained by Beckwith most of his career, won more money over New England tracks than any other horse. Last Count is happily retired to pasture as a pleasure horse with a family in Brookfield, Mass.

Dick Kent's courageous comeback from a near fatal driving spill was recounted after the film noted his winning drive with Fritzie Overshot (Kent's all-time winningest dash mare). Kent, who was never to walk, talk and certainly not drive horses again, according to his doctors, is not only back in the bike, but is in the top 10 among Foxboro drivers in the standings.

Windfield Ore's success was stunning in 1985 as trainer John McCarthy and driver Jim Apperti guided the pacer to nine blazing trips to the circle in under 2:00, including a 1:56.2. Boston's Rob Duboff is the owner of the five-year-old son of Keystone Ore.

The party was rated a major success by all in attendance as the drivers, trainers, owners, track

management and writing fraternity came together to honor the achievements and recognize past members of the harness racing scene in New England.

Citations from the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives were presented to both Hogan and Beckwith on their Hall of Fame inductions.

Former Boston Celtics basketball star Dave Cowens, a standardbred owner, was a guest at the banquet. Previous Hall of Fame inductees James Hogan and Alfred Thomas were present and recognized at the fete. In keeping with the request of

"rock 'n roll" fans (Beckwith and Hogan) the entertainment format was an oldies but goodies record show with disc jockey Ken Repoza of Boston. Award presentations were made by Giannetti, Ralph Grasso (past president of the United States Harness Writers Association), Cliff Sundberg, Eddie Germano, Foxboro Raceway publicity director Carl Metcalf and master of ceremonies for the function, Harvey Robbins.

A special 60 page awards journal was prepared for the Hall of Fame ceremony, including stories on all the award recipients as well as pictures. Limited copies of the journal are available by sending a check for \$7 made payable to: New England Harness Writers Association 31 Paul Revere Rd. Sharon, Ma. 02067.

New England Sulky Championship

By BOB FERLAND

The second annual New England Sulky Championship will again be hosted at Lewiston Raceway.

Each division (3 yr old colt pacers - 3 yr old filly pacers & 3 yr old trotters) will go for a purse of \$13,000 per division.

The filly pacers and the trotters will be raced Saturday, Oct. 26 while the colt pacers will be raced on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Should eliminations be necessary the trotters and filly pacers will go Saturday, Oct. 19 and the colt pacers Sunday, Oct. 20.

The Maine Sire Stakes will be well represented by the Bob Cain, Karen Howell and Paul Luce owned Trusty Wise Guy, a winner at Yonkers in 1:58.3. This colt is by Trusty Dream who is proving to be an outstanding stallion in New England.

Gaelic Admiral, a colt by Nevele Pilot owned by Harold Newman, Samuel Stahlman and Thaddews Gliva of N.Y. who defeated Trusty Wise Guy earlier in the season in 2:02.1, is sure to be competitive.

New Hampshire will be represented by Scarlatti, 2:01, owned by Robert Milkey of Granby, Ct. This colt has had but one defeat in the N.H. Sire Stakes. He is another fine colt by Coral Ridge.

Mr. Scotty Mac (Most Happy Prince) owned by William McNamara of Lebanon, N.H., who had

been chasing Scarlatti all year long, is certainly to be a starter in this event.

Riv-Lea Roma by Coral Ridge owned by Wallace Tefft of Riverslea Stud, who handed Scarlatti his lonely loss, will be a top contender having gone in 57.4 to the half of Hinsdale, N.H.

Massachusetts will bring Farbro Surf, a colt by American Shadow owned by the Farrar Bros. This colt has been in 1:59.1 and is undefeated in the Mass Sire Stakes.

Also from Mass. will be Nasty Rip Off and Timely Bandit, who have both raced consistently in the Mass Sire Stakes Program.

In the filly division the Mass Sire Stakes outstanding filly, Bay State Kate (American Shadow) owned by Jim D'Entremont and R. Gillis will be the one to beat having stopped the timer in 2:01.2 at Foxboro. Fancy Fess, Kartland Fair and Kartland Star will also journey to Lewiston for the Sulky Championship.

New Hampshire will send Riv-Lea Power (Big Power) owned by Arhtur Streich of Danielson, Ct., Michael Sherr's Antalee Royalee (Royal Prince) and Riv-Lea Gemini (Coral Ridge) owned by Richard Manion of Somerville, Ma.

Maine has the likes of Gaelic Brogue (Nevele Pilot) owned by the powerful Cass Stables of Athol, Ma.

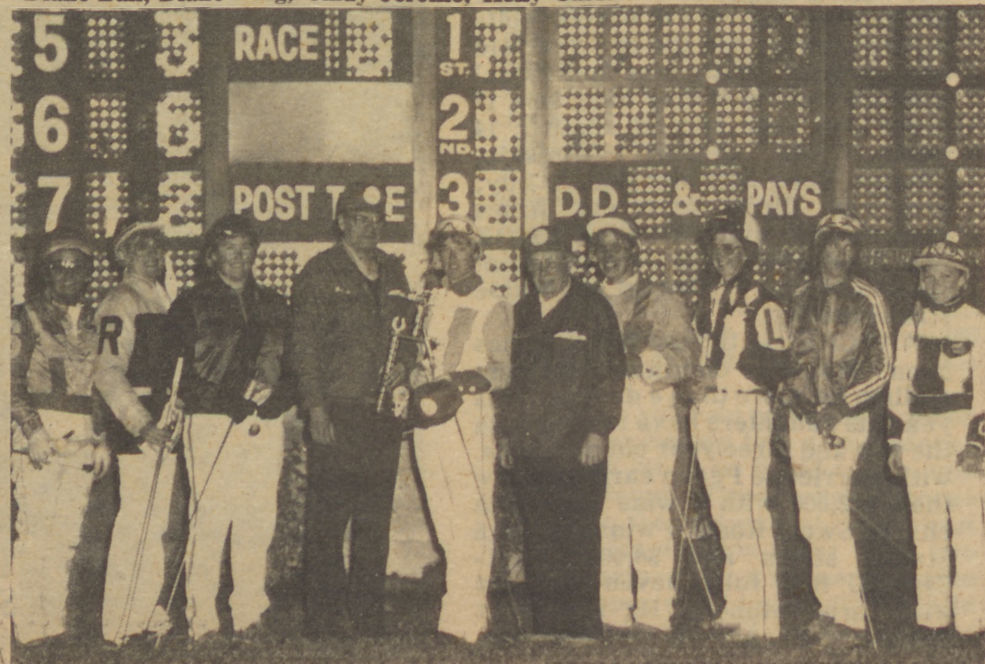
Gaelic Nemesis, another filly by Nevele Pilot, owned by Joan & Elmer Ballard, a winner in 2:05.1 at Scarborough will also compete. Swanzeay Holly (Scotch Banker) owned by Barbara and Morton Goodell of Winchester, N.H. who has been knocking at the door on several occasions will be present having won in 2:05.4. This division is wide open and will certainly be a difficult one to handicap.

The trotting division will be headed by John DiStefano's Christopher John (Cadwallender) who is undefeated in the Mass Sire Stakes. His chief competition will come from the Norton Stables of

Falmouth, Me. who will send two and possibly three trotters to the Sulky Championship. Hurricane Mike-Hurricane Jeffrey and Hurricane Peach the latter having won in 2:06 should be strong contenders. New Hampshire will have Dark Island Lad (Blitzen) owned by Elizabeth MacConnell a winner in 2:06.3 will be present, as well. Right On Target owned by Paul Wood White River Jct., Vt. who handed Dark Island Lad his only defeat in the N.H. Sire Stakes. Riv-Lea Snowflake (Job) owned by George & Eric Lawrence and Vermont's Silver Moonshine completes the field at present.

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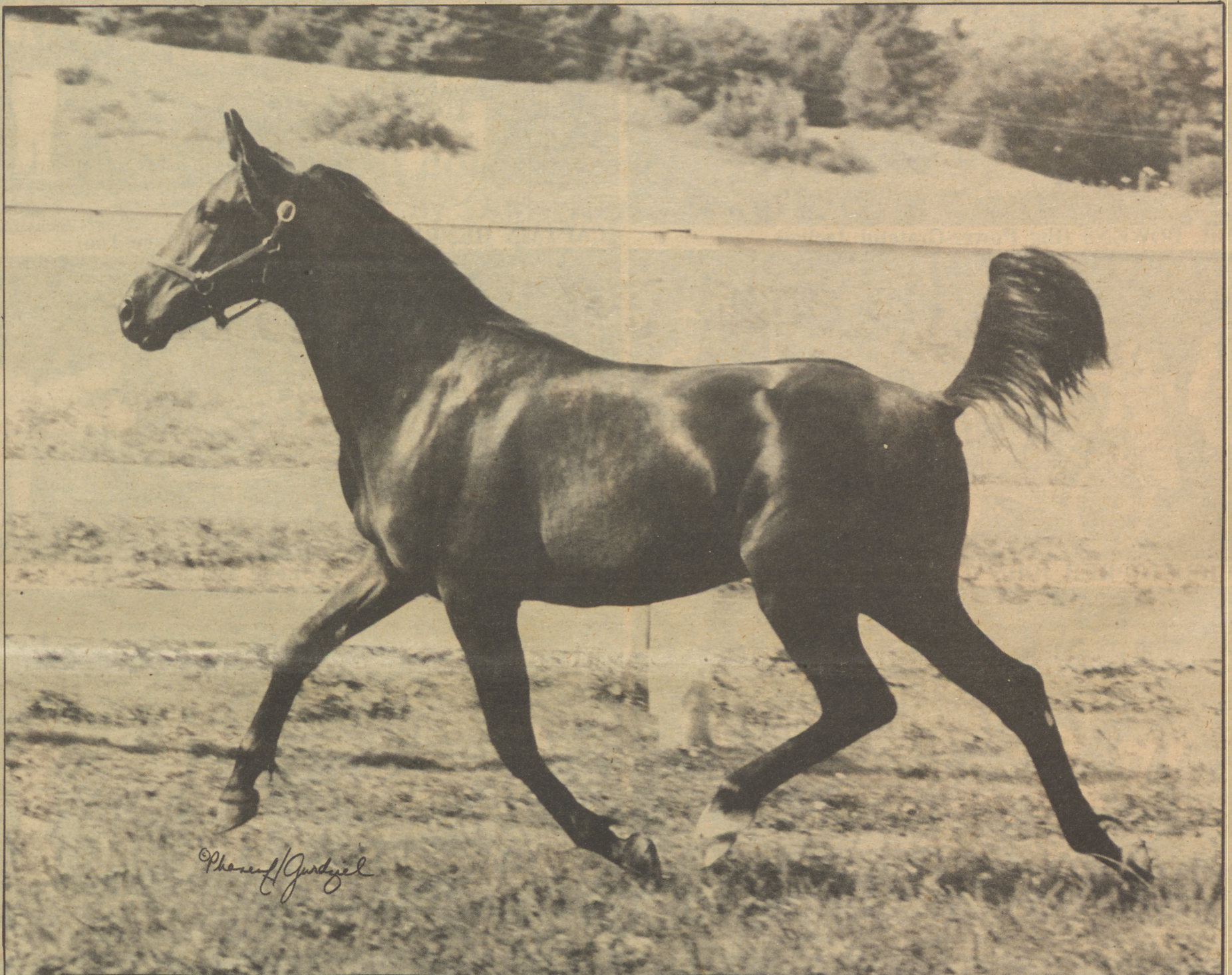
Rochester Review

The recently completed Rochester Fair meet annexed the second highest handle ever with patrons pushing nearly a million dollars through the tote machines.

The ten day affair was enhanced by the best weather ever. Many special races plus the new Hampshire Sire Stakes highlighted the race program as New Hampshire's own, John Nason, won the leading driver trophy. Many thanks to

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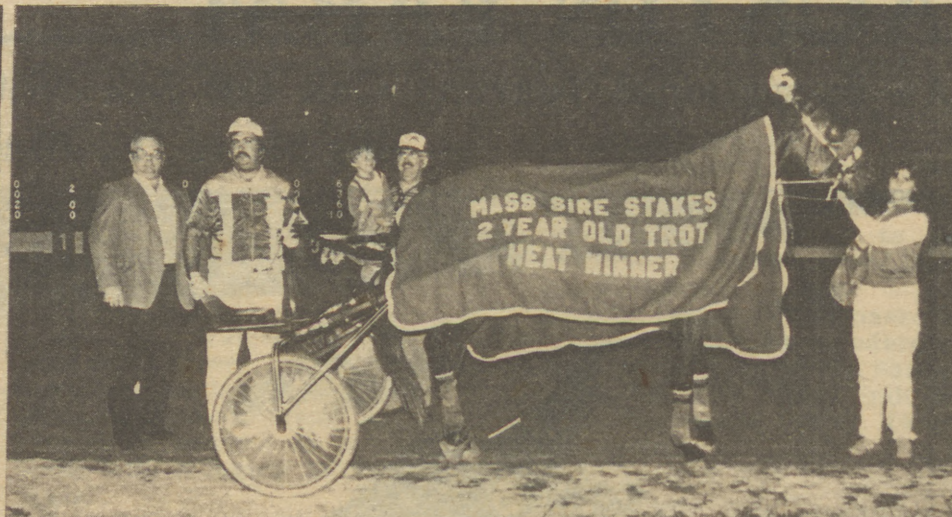
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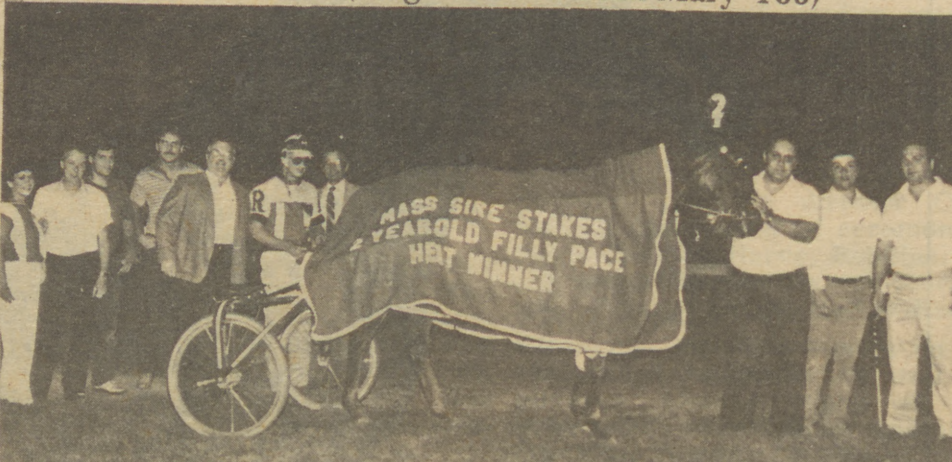
DR. BOWENS (Big Power-Grateful Jaclyn)



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ANGELAS BOY (Nevele Leader-Saratoga Sonnet)



LARCENY (American Shadow-Matron)



SARA'S WILLOW (Nevele Leader-Willow Brook Sal)

Sara's Willow captured the winner's share of the \$21,600 final for Mass. bred two year old colts and fillies on Thursday, October 3 on her way to being named two year old Fall Sire Stakes Champion. The smooth-pacing chestnut filly defeated five colts and another distaffer in a 2:03.1 mile in which Angelas Ben led deep into the stretch before being overtaken by the winner, driven by John Mar-

shall. The Beals Stable entry of Sara's Willow (Nevele Leader - Willow Brook Sal) and Ensign Sharlu (Nevele Leader - Penthanon) was sent off as third choice at 9-2, but Sara's Willow was poised to strike throughout the contest, laying third much of the way. The fractions of :29.3, 1:01.0, and 1:31.3 cut by Angelas Ben with Marvin Maker proved too much as the field neared the light, as Sara's Willow pulled out

from her pocket position and scored an impressive, 2 1/2 length win.

Longshot (45-1) Gregg's Charger (Peanut Gallery - Miss B.O.) had something left down the lane, finishing second after being parked for a half. Favorite Dr. Bowens (Big Power - Grateful Jaclyn) overcame a break at the half to finish third. Pace-chaser Larceny (American Shadow-Matron) was parked for 3/4 and faded to seventh

down the long stretch.

Sara's Willow scored her third straight win in Sire Stakes company over a sloppy track in very cool 50° weather, just six days after Hurricane Gloria touched down, keeping Foxboro literally "dark" for three nights. Owner Harold Prescott now has realized just under \$20,000 with Sara's Willow in thirteen starts including six victories.

by CARL METCALF

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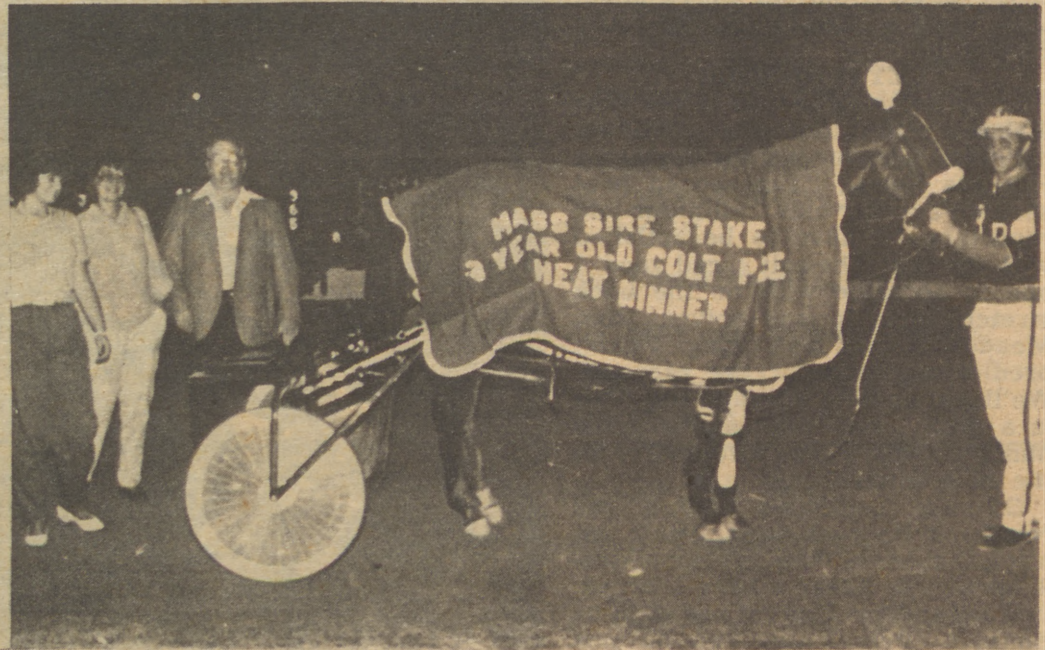
What For (American Shadow-Francie Me)

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Bay state Kate (American Shadow-J.R.'s Shirley) won the Three Year Old Pacing Filly Final at Foxboro last weekend in 2:04.2 for driver Kim Ireland, followed by What For and American Wave — both also by American Shadow — a truly prepotent sire.

Farbro Surf (American Shadow-J.R.'s Shirley) won the three year old colt final of the Mass Sire Stakes recently at Foxboro Raceway in 2:02.4 by open lengths driven by Bert Beckwith, increasing his earnings to nearly \$50,000 in 1985.

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LITTLE BROWN JUG— MAKES MEMORIES

(DELAWARE, OHIO)—It's 6:45 a.m. at the Delaware County fairgrounds here. Fairgoers are already streaming in to buy Little Brown Jug souvenirs and catch a glimpse of the fabled Nihilator.

While scalpers are hawking tickets outside the gates of the Jug which has been sold out for a month, race fans, standing behind a roped-off Haughton Stable, stare at Nihilator like kids gawking in a candy store. Green-uniformed caretakers feed, muck out stalls, and prepare equipment for the big race slated for the afternoon.

Fans and horsemen alike come from across the country and Canada by the plane loads to watch the magic event that will be tomorrow's memories. Local fans, who chained their lawn chairs to the back stretch fence in July, bring their lunch and beverages in ice chests. They arrive early to claim their spot staked out months earlier.

"JUST IDLED ALONG"

For Nihilator, it was a day that silenced the skeptics who wondered if Nihilator could pace around the half mile track turns. Following the first heat which Nihilator won in 1:53 1/5, driver Billy O'Donnell told the Northeast Harness News, "I was very confident going into the first heat." O'Donnell added, "Really, I just idled along."

O'Donnell, who swept the Jug, took the second division in 1:52 4/5 with Pershing Square who was recovering from throat surgery. Asked if Pershing Square had a breathing problem, O'Donnell replied to the Northeast Harness News, "He never showed it. I never knew he had one until they scoped him. He recovered well."

"WANTED TO WIN JUG"

After winning The Little Brown Jug with a victory in the second heat in 1:52 with Nihilator, O'Donnell was asked if he could have beat the 1:51 mark set by Falcon Seelster earlier in the day, "I did not worry about that. I just wanted to win The Little Brown Jug."

"LET IT UNROLL"

After finishing second in the first division with Dignatarian, William "Buddy" Gilmour told the Northeast Harness News, "The second heat shouldn't bother him." Gilmour told reporters, "I have to be satisfied with my trip. The colt raced good. I had to go three wide on the back stretch when it was obvious that Meadow Romar was tiring. I can't predict anything for the raceoff. We'll just have to wait and see. This is a great race track and a great bunch of colts, so you just have to let the thing unroll."

Gilmour continued telling the Northeast Harness News, "He's just a colt that has had tough racing luck. A horse who never makes a break, jumped right in front of me at Blue Bonnets (Prix d'ete) and he just wasn't himself in the Cane at Yonkers."

Marauder finished second to Pershing Square in the second division. His driver Dick Richardson, Jr., told the Northeast Harness News, "He'll be good in the second heat." Richardson continued, "He came back on in the stretch."

John Campbell who drove Pershing Square in the second heat, "I wish I had gotten clear a step or two earlier, but I can't be displeased."

Gilmour who finished third with

Dignatarian in the second heat said, "I got a perfect trip in there. I thought I had a shot at the top of the stretch. It was some race."

"DREAM ABOUT IT"

Following the final heat, O'Donnell said, "It is something you dream about when you are eight or ten years old. Leaving behind the gate, I got Nihilator on top at the quarter, Mickey McNichol had Broadway Express on top parked out at the half (:54) and I knew he had a horse but not exactly how much. I went on and McNichol faded back. As we moved past the three quarters I spoke to him to see how much pace he had. Down the stretch I knew they were coming. He got himself down the stretch on heart."

JUG MEMORIES

For "Hall of Famer" Bill Haughton who trained both Nihilator and Pershing Square for the Wall Street Stable, the Jug brings back a lot of memories. Haughton, who has won the Jug five times as a driver, told the Northeast Harness News, "I've always enjoyed coming here." He reminisced, "I was friends with Joe Neville, Curly Smart and Hank Thompson since 1941. The Little Brown Jug is a special race, it was the first of its type."

Driver Gilmour, "I come here every year even if I'm not driving." I remember seeing Meadow Rice win it (1952). Curly Smart drove him because Del Miller had an entry."

Max Hempt, master of the famous Hempt Farm, told the Northeast Harness News that his most memorable Little Brown Jug was the "Year that Adios Harry won it."

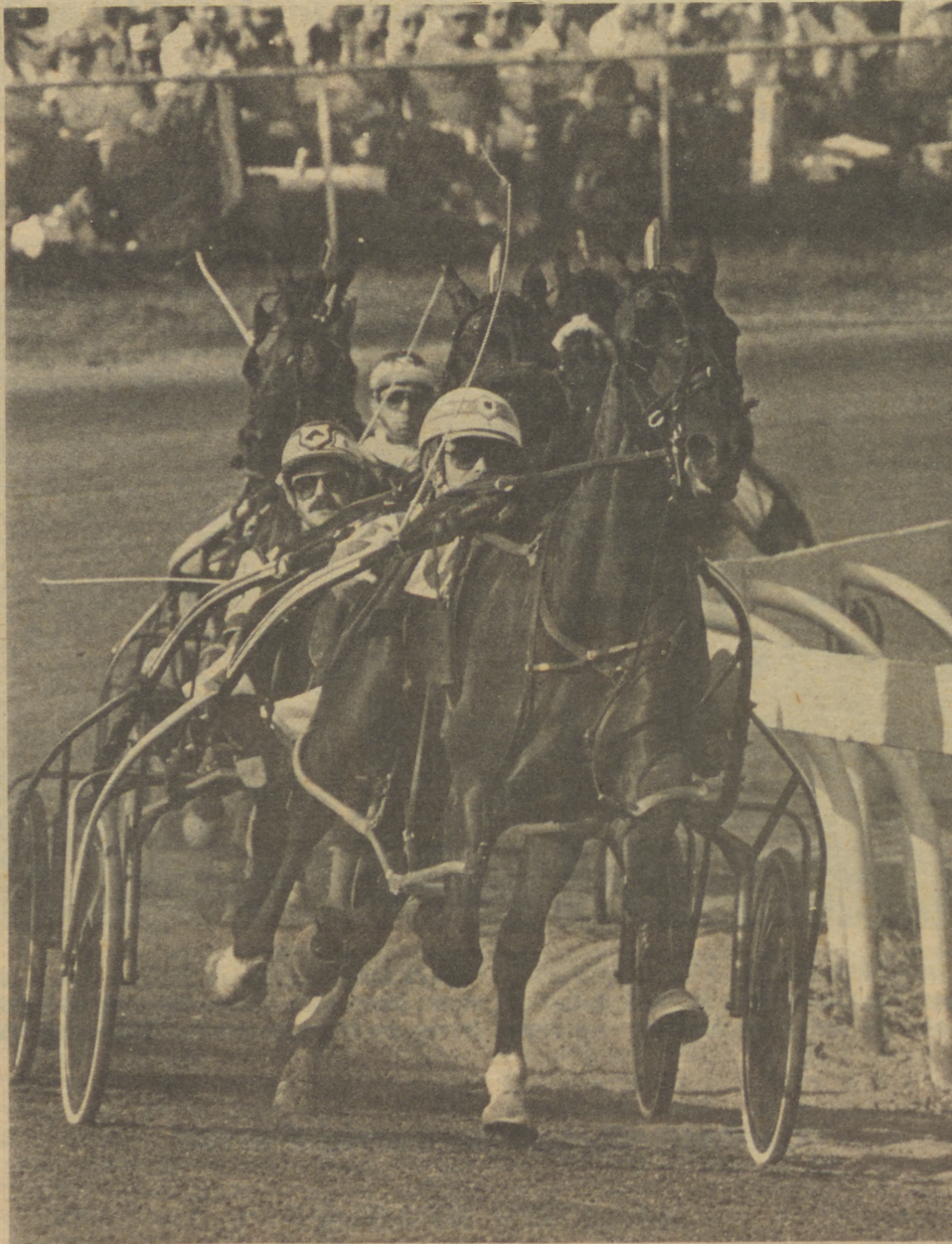
He added, "We bred three Jug winners-Adios Harry, Noble Adios, and Keystone Ore, but Adios Harry was the most memorable Jug." Hempt continued, "I never miss a Jug. I saw Sampson Hanover pace the first two minute mile on a half mile track right here at Delaware."

Roger Huston, introduced as the foremost race announcer in the country, told the Northeast Harness News that Nansemond was his most memorable and he's been at the Jug for 17 years.

Assistant announcer Phil Mauger of Lexington, Kentucky, cited the year that Bret Hanover won it as his most memorable. Frank Shannon, Little Brown Jug press box attache, agreed and added, "It rained and everyone thought it would be impossible to get the Jug in." Shannon said that Curly Smart had the surface scraped off and Bret Hanover with Frank Ervin won in 1:57.

Ken Schaffer, the pari-mutuel manager in 1946, saw the very first Jug. It was his most memorable, saying that Ensign Hanover didn't win a heat until the third heat. Schaffer, told us he was once offered a job in Maine years ago for \$25 a day. He replied, "I couldn't take that. Why it would have cost me half that for whiskey every night."

For Tom Thompson, who's been director of racing for the past decade, the most memorable was the year McKinzie Almahurst, which was owned by "Dad's wife Jean" won a heat. "But my favorite was Niatross. The only thing Clint Galbraith wanted to do was win the Jug."



Nihilator annihilates the competition to win the Brown Jug at Delaware, Ohio in a world record 1:52 for driver Bill O'Donnell and the Wall St. Stable.

Henry Clay Thompson, president of the Little Brown Jug, was elated following Nihilator's win. He told the crowd of over 47,000, "I guess he can go on a half-mile track."

And the owners, well, it was a great day for Lou Guida who said, "I'm a very happy man." For Falcon Seelster's owner Charlie Day of Lewiston, perhaps not being in the Little Brown Jug wasn't such a bad memory after the Warm Breeze sophomore raced earlier in the afternoon. The three year old set a world's record of 1:51 in a \$4,000 Invitational. Day, interviewed in the winner's circle following the record smashing mile said, "Wonderful...it's amazing."

It was certainly unforgettable for Chuck Roback, Nihilator's caretaker. He was given accolades for his job by both Haughton and Guida. Haughton lauded Roback, "...I've never had a more dedicated caretaker. He's lived with him (Nihilator) for two years."

Perhaps, it was a Jug that trainer Skip Lewis wished he could forget. Lewis' entry, Chairman Of The Board, contacted a virus and was sidelined with a temperature of 103. Lewis told the Northeast Harness News that he scratched him.

"Rather than take a chance," Lewis said that the colt had lung congestion and had suffered a loss of appetite. "I didn't think that he would have been at the top of his game." Lewis expressed his disappointment adding, "He was awesome in the Jug Preview (at Scioto)."

The Little Brown Jug is a day easily remembered. This college town, proud of its spectacular race, is draped with Little Brown Jug banners. This year, the mayor of this home of Ohio Wesleyan, held its first annual Mayor's Breakfast which this year honored Henry Clay Thompson.

The Little Brown Jug draws the top trainers, drivers, breeders and officials who make an annual pilgrimage here to participate in the celebration. The third Thursday of each September, this fairgrounds is the "in" place to be. While not the richest race (\$360,000 this year), the Jug has the tradition and prestige as the best harness event in North America.

Its popularity is virtually unequalled anywhere. When checking into a local motel, I asked the clerk when would be a good time to make reservations for next year, the reply, "It's already too late."

With all the color surrounding the festive atmosphere and the anticipation of the fall classic, the race itself is not anti-climatic. The pacers parade postward to the tune of "The Little Brown Jug."

Perhaps Buddy Gilmour said it all, "...it was some race."

Handle for the day	\$1,349,995
Paid attendance	47,153
Two minutes or faster miles	19
Day's slowest race	2:00 1/5
Avg. speed for day	1:56 2/5

Records:
Falcon Seelster 1:51 track and world's record

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Nihilator 1:53 1/5 plus 1:52 two heat world's record.

Abbie Hanover 1:57 1/5 National season's record for mares.

Personality Profile

By BOB LOWELL

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Ernie Gaskin, who hails from the Green Mountain State, has made it to the top. The thirty year old native of Lyndonville, Vermont, after ten years has climbed upward and reached the summit in harnessdom as Bill Haughton's top man.

Gaskin's harness career began in high school while jogging horses in the afternoons for Guy and Howard Birchard. The captain of the high school football team, Gaskin also starred in track, basketball and baseball. He remembers one of the standout horses in the Birchard Stable in those days was Rod Key who campaigned throughout New England.

Interviewed in the paddock at Delaware, Ohio, during the Grand Circuit meet, Gaskin, reflecting on his beginnings in Vermont, said, "I didn't know this level existed."

Gaskin literally learned the business from the bottom up. He ventured to Florida looking for a job. He found employment in the Haughton Stable as a caretaker. Later he spent time in the blacksmith shop learning the rudiments of properly shoeing and balancing race horses. He considers that experience invaluable in his ascent to trainer's status.

Very personable and well spoken, Gaskin says there is a terrific opportunity in harness racing and adds that a college education isn't a necessity in the industry. He comments, however, that it would be helpful if high schools offered harness racing classes in their curriculum. He emphasizes that it should be included just like forestry or agriculture.

Citing a shortage of qualified caretakers today, he says that a few

come from Vermont, but many seem to originate in Maine.

Gaskin says there is an opportunity on all levels; grooming, ownership, breeding, and training as well as driving. For Gaskin, his forte seems to be in training. While he has a drivers license, his focus is centered on training.

Ernie Gaskin has been very visible this year on the "Roarin' Grand." His talent has entrusted him to train such champions as Nihilator and the great filly Amneris.

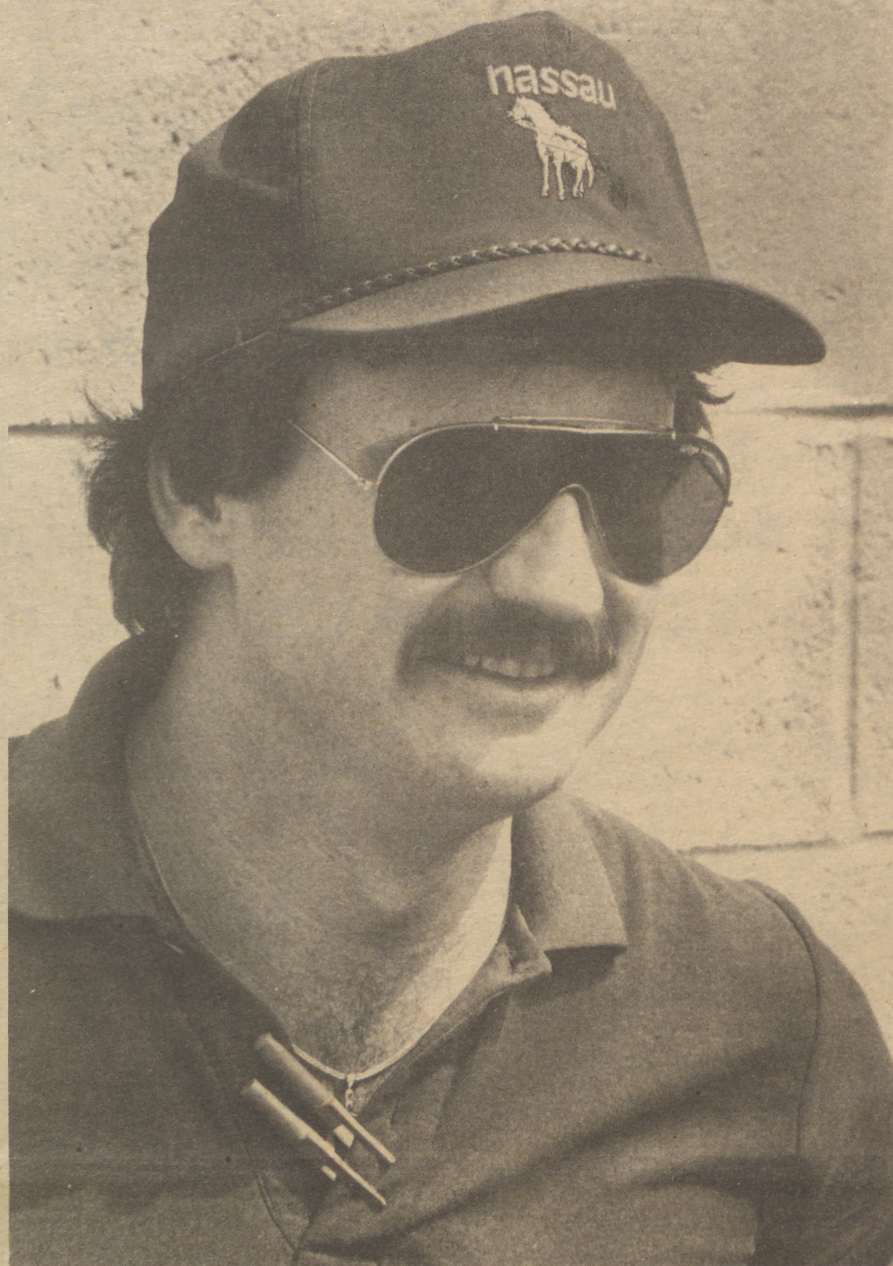
He was glad that Nihilator, recently named as September Harness Horse of the Month, had the opportunity to prove himself on a half mile track.

The Haughton team was not as apprehensive about Nihilator's half mile debut as they were about some of the doubt generated by the media.

Ernie states, "As a colt Nihilator was trained on the half mile track at Pompano." He added that Nihilator had also been once trained in 1:58 on a half mile track. He lauded the great 1:51 world record performance by Falcon seelster at Delaware, but added, "If Tommy Harmer had not come to town, Nihilator would have been the new world champion" Gaskin's comments followed Nihilator's victory in the first division of the Jug.

Speaking of the Little Brown Jug, Gaskin elaborates, "It's the greatest time of the year. It's the most prestigious race."

Wearing a green polostyle shirt emblazoned with the Haughton logo, Gaskin has scaled the harness heights. It couldn't happen to a nicer fellow. But that's the way it is in the Northeast.



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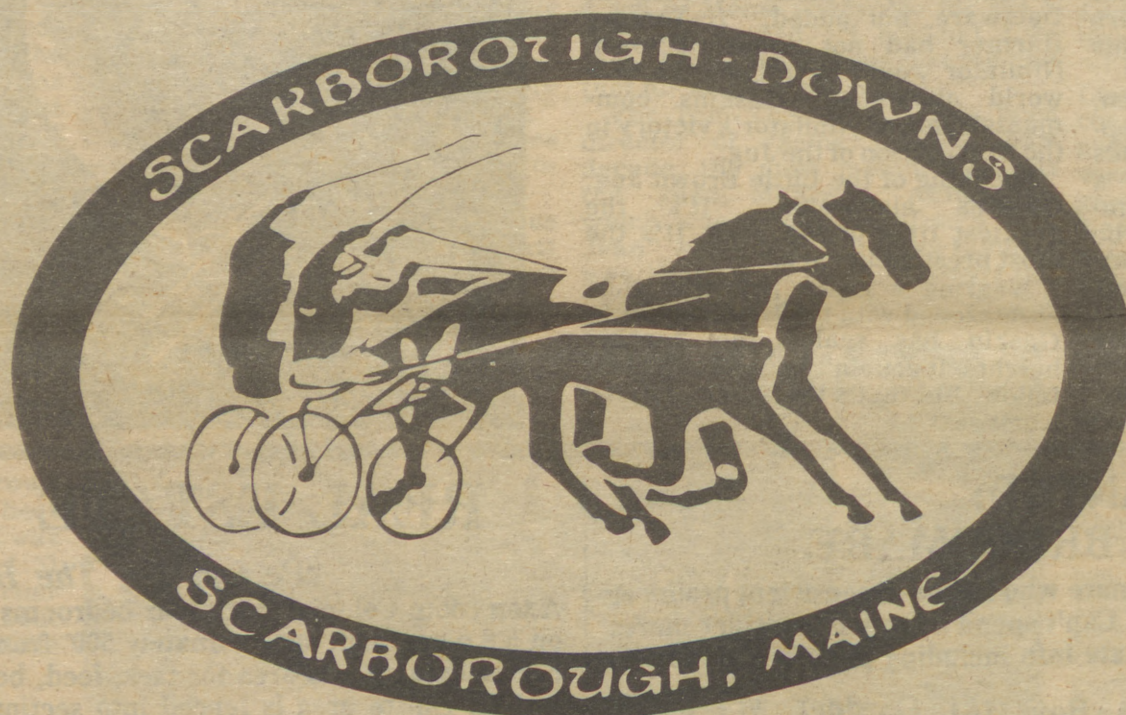
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